Department of Finance

# STATE OF CALIFORNIA MANUAL OF STATE FUNDS

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#### Legal Title

Physician Assistant Fund

# **Legal Citation/Authority**

Chapter 74, Statutes of 2005 (AB 139)

Business and Professions Code sections 3520-3526

GAAP Basis Legal Basis

Governmental/Special Revenue Funds

Governmental/Other Governmental Cost Funds

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Act is to encourage the more effective utilization of the skills of physicians by enabling them to delegate health care tasks to qualified physicians' assistants where such delegation is consistent with the patient's health and welfare.

The Physician's Assistant Fund was created to provide a depository for fees collected pursuant to this act and to provide moneys for the administration of this program.

### Administering Agency/Organization Code

Department of Consumer Affairs-Regulatory Boards/Org 1110

### **Major Revenue Source**

Fees prescribed by the code from licensed physicians and emergency care facilities who employ or wish to employ physician's assistants. Application, examination and certification fees for physician's assistants.

#### **Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)**

Pursuant to Government Code 16346, in absence of language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment, shall be transferred to the General Fund.

### **Appropriation Authority**

Section 3520 of the Business and Professions Code provides that "All money in the fund shall be used to carry out the purpose of this chapter."

# **State Appropriations Limit**

Excluded - Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes, however, when transferred, may become proceeds of taxes. These revenues have a logical, direct relationship with the use or purpose for which they are used.

#### **Comments/Historical Information**

Chapter 634, Statutes of 1975 added this fund to the Business and Professions Code section 3520.

Chapter 878, Statutes of 1998 changed the name of the fund from "Physician's Assistant Fund" to "Physician Assistant Fund". Chapter 74, Statutes of 2005 substituted "shall be used" for "is continuously appropriated". The Physician's Assistant Committee administers this fund within the Department.

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